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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of

Express Mail No. EL054550261US

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Rule 53(b) Continuation of  
U.S. Application No. 09/298,501

Filed: Concurrently herewith

For: OPTICAL INSPECTION APPARATUS FOR DEFECT DETECTION (as amended)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination on the merits and prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE TITLE:**

Please delete the present title and replace it with the following new title: ~~OPTICAL INSPECTION APPARATUS FOR DEFECT DETECTION~~.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 2, please delete the fourth full paragraph, and replace it with the following new paragraph:

According to one aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method of inspecting the surface of an article for defects by: optically examining, in a first phase examination, the complete surface of the article and electrically outputting information indicating

This amendment was entered in-part. Only the first two entries to the spec and the claims were amended. The directions indicating where the spec should be amended did not match the spec itself, for the other three entries.